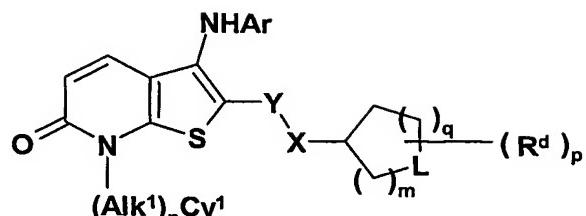


Claims:

1. A compound of formula (1):



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wherein:

- X is a covalent bond or the group -N(R)-;
- Y is a linking group -C(O)- or -S(O)₂-;
- 10 n is zero or the integer 1;
- m is the integer 1, 2 or 3;
- p is zero or the integer 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- q is zero or the integer 1 or 2;
- R is a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl group;
- 15 R^d is an -OH, -(Alk²)OH (where Alk² is a straight or branched C₁₋₄ alkylene chain), -OR¹ (where R¹ is a straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl group), -(Alk²)OR¹, -NR²R³ (where R² and R³ may be the same or different and is each independently a hydrogen atom or a straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl group), -(Alk²)NR²R³ or straight or branched C₁₋₆ alkyl group;
- 20 L is a linking atom or group -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O₂)-, -CH₂-, -CH(R^d)-, -C(R^d)₂- or -NR^y- where R^y is a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₄ alkyl group;
- Alk¹ is a straight or branched C₁₋₄ alkylene chain;
- Cy¹ is an optionally substituted cycloaliphatic, polycycloaliphatic, heterocycloaliphatic, polyheterocycloaliphatic, aromatic or heteroaromatic group; and
- 25 Ar is an optionally substituted aromatic or heteroaromatic group;

and the salts, solvates, hydrates and *N*-oxides thereof.

2. A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Y is -C(O)-.
- 5 3. A compound as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein m is 1 or 2.
4. A compound as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein q is zero or 1.
- 10 5. A compound as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein L is -CH₂-, -CH(R^d)-, -NH- or -N(CH₃)-, in which R^d is as defined in claim 1.
6. A compound as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein Cy¹ is phenyl, fluorophenyl, chlorophenyl, methylphenyl or cyclopropyl.
- 15 7. A compound as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein Ar is phenyl, difluorophenyl, (chloro)(fluoro)phenyl, (fluoro)(methyl)phenyl, chlorophenyl, cyanophenyl, methylphenyl or methylpyridinyl.
- 20 8. A compound as claimed in claim 1 as herein specifically disclosed in any one of the Examples.
9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, hydrate
- 25 25 or *N*-oxide thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
10. The use of a compound of formula (1) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, hydrate or *N*-oxide thereof, for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment and/or prevention of a
- 30 30 disorder for which an inhibitor of p38 MAP kinase is indicated.

11. A method for the treatment and/or prevention of a disorder for which an inhibitor of p38 MAP kinase is indicated, which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment a compound of formula (1) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, hydrate or *N*-oxide
5 thereof.